



KINGSTON NEWS

2ND QUARTER, MAY 2021

ZONING REPORT

Chairman's Chat

By Dewey Akers, Trustees Chairman

Hello everyone, hope you are doing well. The warmer weather will bring more motorcycles, bikes and people exercising on our roads. Be watchful when driving. The warmer weather will also allow road repairs to start soon. Wilson Road at State Route 61 will close for 60 days sometime between May and October. I will let you know as we get closer to a firm date. If you notice any hazardous conditions on any of the township roads, please contact me or Doug Crowl.

Trustee Volpe has kept the new township hall project moving towards a completion date later this year.

The township has purchased video equipment to allow Zoom calls when necessary. This purchase was made possible through The Care Act.

Doug Crowl and I made a trip to Michigan to purchase a tractor with a mower to replace our old unit. This should save time mowing the road right-of-ways.

Please call me if you have any questions or concerns about the township. Thanks, Dewey Akers (740) 803-1529

Permits

For the months of February through April 2021 the following zoning permits were approved:

- 3 New Build Homes
- 2 Accessory Structures
- 2 Pools
- 1 Patio

Please remember to contact the Zoning Office before starting construction of any new structures or improvement/expansion of an existing structure.

Board Vacancies

The Kingston Township Board of Trustees will be filling an **Alternate** vacancy on the **Board of Zoning Appeals** and **Zoning Commission** which both run through December 2025. Both vacancies are posted in the Township Website under the Special Notices tab. Contact the Zoning Office with any questions or interest.

ROADS & CEMETERIES

State Route 61/656 Roundabout

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) continues design work for the proposed roundabout at the intersection of State Route 61 and State Route 656/Wilson Road. The shape of the roundabout will resemble a peanut, and minimizes the project impact on adjacent neighbors. The target bid date is January 2021 with construction during the summer months.

Tentative traffic closure will occur between June 1st and October 31st. The total estimated cost of the project is \$2.1 million dollars with \$310,000 coming from an OPWC grant, \$17,250 from the Delaware County Engineers Office, and \$17,250 from Kingston Township. Questions regarding the project should be directed to ODOT District 6 in Delaware at 740-833-8000.

Since The Last Newsletter

For the months of February through April 2021, 2 driveway permits were issued, and approximately 90 tons of salt was applied to Township roadways for public safety.

The township continues to work with the County Engineers Office and impacted residents for the installation of a new drainage culvert under Todd Street Road and drainage improvements on the south side of the roadway.

During their May Monthly Meeting, the Trustees approved roadwork to be completed this summer including resurfacing Blue Church Road between Wilson Road and Rosecrans Road with chip and seal/fog coating. The same resurfacing will be applied to Stockwell Road from the Township Line west to State Route 61.

As you are driving the roadways within Kingston Township and see damage to the pavement or guardrails along the roadways, please contact Road Superintendent Doug Crawl to let him know at 740-815-8427. Repairs necessitated by motor vehicle accidents are costly so it saves taxpayer dollars if the responsible party can be held accountable for the repairs. A guardrail recently damaged on Blue Church Road cost the Township over \$2,800 to fix because the

operator of the vehicle that caused the damage fled the scene.

AROUND THE TOWNSHIP

Dangerous Intersections

The intersections of State Route 521 at North Galena and 3 B's & K Roads continue to be prone to traffic accidents. Within the past year, the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Delaware County Engineer's Office have upgraded the standard stop signs with solar powered flashing stop signs and installed stop ahead warning signs for drivers approaching the intersections. Even with these improvements, accidents continue to occur. The Trustees continue to discuss the situation at both intersections with the County Engineers Office to explore additional measures to reduce vehicular crashes.

The picture below shows recent work by AEP to relocate power poles away from the North Galena intersection to avoid traffic crash impacts.



Lonely Steer

On April 19th, a lonely steer was found wandering Blue Church Road just south of the Township Maintenance Facility and Blue Church Cemetery. Local residents and

a Delaware County Sheriff Deputy and were able to direct the steer back to its pasture and secure it.



This situation is not unique. If you should see loose farm livestock on the road, immediately contact the Delaware County Sheriff Department by calling 911. Additionally render any assistance able to identify the owner of the animal, where it may have come from, and warn other approaching motorists of the hazard.

Old Adage

The old adage of waiting till after Mother's Day to plant gardens and annual flowers came to fruition on April 21st with a snowfall of 4 inches and several nighttime temperatures in the low 20's. Hopefully you were able to cover sensitive plants put out during the warm weather early in the month.



Township Hall & Park Progress

In cooperation with our partners from Nationwide Reality Investors, work on the Township Hall & Park has begun. The picture below shows earthwork that has taken place to shape the banks of the entrance road, underground utilities are being installed, and grading for the parking lot, picnic shelter pad and township hall pad are taking place within the site. Construction on the hall will tentatively start in early July, and will take 30-45 days to complete.



PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

Pictured below Fire Board Chairman and Kingston Township Trustee Dewey Akers swears in new Porter Kingston Fire District Firefighter Ben Evans on February 8, 2021. Ben holds his 240 hour Firefighter 2 certification and is attending classes to

obtain his 120 hour Basic EMT certification. He is a resident of Porter Township. He will serve a 12 month probationary period. At 6' 10" Firefighter Evans is the tallest member of PKFD. Welcome Firefighter Evans!



Grants

The Fire District makes every attempt to garner outside grant funding to support its operations and stretch tax funding for the District further.

Recently, the District again applied for a \$540,000 grant from the Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program (AFG) 2020 cycle to replace the 1994 Tanker that is used to transport water to fires where no source for water is available.

Thanks to the efforts of Lt. Pete Isbell, the District was recently awarded a pediatric training bundle through the Ohio EMS for Children Program. The program is designed to improve pediatric emergency care throughout Ohio. There were 90 packages awarded statewide and includes an airway management trainer, child and infant training manikins and access to a pediatric emergency care library.

Fan Donation Program

The Delaware County EMA is again collecting fans to benefit People in Need of Delaware County. The purpose of the program is to help provide heat relief during the summer months for those county residents who do not have air conditioning. Every donation does make a difference!

New box fans can be donated at all Delaware County EMS and Fire Stations between the hours of 8:00am and 7:00pm, seven days per week. If you are able to help, simply drop off a fan at our Porter Kingston Fire District located in Olive Green.

HEALTH DISTRICT NEWS

Electronics & TV Recycling June 5th

The DKMM Solid Waste District is offering Electronics and TV Collection at the Delaware County Fairgrounds on **June 5th** from 9:00am to 1:00pm for residents of Delaware, Knox, Marion and Morrow County. A photo ID is required. No dehumidifiers, air conditioners or large appliances.

Acceptable items include battery chargers, cables, computers and components, DVD/VHS players, fax machines, personal medical devices, microwaves, phones, printers, projectors, routers, recording devices, speakers, scanners, small appliances, stereo equipment, string lights, televisions, vacuum cleaners, video game systems, and video recording equipment. **There is a \$20 fee per television; all other electronics are free.** For more information on this and other recycling events this summer, please contact <https://dkmm.org>.

A hazardous waste and paint recycling events is scheduled on **July 17th** at the Marion County Fairgrounds from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Consult the DKMM website for fees and details.

Tick Season Is Here

Always check for TICKS! Remember to wear long pants and sleeves that are light colored which make it easier to spot ticks. An appropriate repellent is recommended such as DEET for skin or Picaridin to clothing.

After removing a tick, the best practice is to keep the tick in a container in the freezer for 10 days after the bite as identifying the tick species may help with any medical problems. If a rash or other flu-like symptoms start in the 10 days after the exposure consult with your physician.

Remember:

TREAT clothing or skin with repellents.

INSPECT yourself, clothing and gear for ticks.

CLEAN any area where a tick was removed.

KEEP record of the date the tick was removed.

SHOWER as soon as possible after coming indoors.

By Kelli Kincaid, Program Manager, Delaware General Health District

CALENDAR

Meetings are at the Township Hall, unless noted otherwise. **Trash pickup days are Wednesday except during holiday weeks* where Wednesday service will be performed on Thursday. *Note Change**

Trustees Meetings June 1, 2021, 7PM

July 6, 2021, 7PM

August 3, 2021, 7PM

September 7, 2021, 7PM

October 5, 2021, 7PM

November 2, 2021, 7PM

December 7, 2021, 7PM

Zoning Commission August 5, 2021, 7PM

November 4, 2021, 7PM

Trash Days 2021 June *3, 9, 16, 23, 30

July 7, 14, 21, 28

August 4, 11, 18, 25

September *9, 15, 22, 29

October 6, 13, 20, 27

November 3, 10, 17, 24

December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

CONTACTS

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FISCAL OFFICER

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DELAWARE COUNTY EMS

Emergency: 911; Business: 833 www.delcoems.org

NEWS & INFORMATION

Zoning Office Telephone: 524-0290

Township Web Site: www.kingstontwp.org

Office Hours: Thursday, 8a.m. to noon

Please contact the Zoning Office by e-mail at

zoning@kingstontwp.org or by phone at

740-524-0290 to be added or removed from the Newsletter Distribution List.

PORTER KINGSTON FIRE DISTRICT

Emergency: 911; Business: 524-5050

Email: PKFD@rrohio.com

www.PKFD.org

ROADS & CEMETERIES

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TRASH & RECYCLING

Local Waste Services: 614-409-9375

On-line: localwasteservices.com

ZONING

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SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION SERVICE

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DELAWARE COUNTY CODE COMPLIANCE

740-833-2200

DELAWARE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

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